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Selectmen's Minutes 06-05-2006

TOWN OF ARLINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 5, 2006

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. Rowe.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

7:15 p.m.

1. Request: Alteration of Premise

Angelo DiGirolamo d/b/a Ristorante Olivio, 193-201 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Request: All Alcohol License

Angelo DiGirolamo d/b/a Ristorante Olivio, 193-201 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

3. Recognition: Dedication of Vietnam Memorial. Steve Carlson & Jim Beggan

John W. Hurd, Selectman

Mr. Hurd reported that the Memorial Day –Vietnam Dedication was a well attended and honorable tribute to 10 individuals memorialized by their Arlington High School classmates of 1966. Mr. Carlson and Mr. Beggan are also creating shadow boxes to hang at the high school. Anyone wishing to donate to the memorial maintenance please contact Bill McCarthy at Veteran's Affairs at 781 316-3166.

4. Report: Coyote Activity/Safety & Conflict Prevention

Tom Quintal, Animal Control Officer

Officer Quintal reported on the coyote activity in Arlington and offered safety and conflict prevention tips. Officer Quintal will:

- offer community education
- offer a community meeting/presentation, if the Town wants to
- a Comcast TV presentation
- will contact the Environmental Police to look into removing the coyotes.

Mrs. Mahon made a motion to refer to the Mr. Sullivan the following:

- 1) approach the School Committee and ask them to distribute the Safety & Conflict Prevention Booklet
- 2) Officer Quintal is to follow up with the Superintendent
- 3) Use cable TV for an educational campaign
- 4) Add a link for more coyote info on the Arlington website and post information in the schools
- 5) Post information on community bulletin boards at parks etc.
- 6) Send a letter via Officer Quintal to the Environmental Police requesting help.

Mrs. Joyce Albanese, of 34 Apache Trail, expressed her concern that the coyotes in her area are not intimidated easily.

Ms. Rowe discussed that she and Officer Quintal will be working on recommendations for a Town wide policy on dog

parks along with the Board of Health, Police, and citizen groups.

FOR APPROVAL

5. **Minutes of Meeting:** May 15, 2006

Mrs. Mahon moved approval with correction of Jane Spelman. SO VOTED (5-0)

6. **Request: Keyspan Petition**

To install and maintain approximately 350 feet, more or less of 6 inch gas main in Ridge Street, Arlington from the existing 6 inch gas main in Ridge Street @ Oldham Road northerly to Ridge Street @ Mohawk Road
(all abutters notified)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. **Discussion: Sustainable Arlington**

Marc Breslow, Robert Ziemer, Ryan Katofsky

Mr. Robert Ziemer, member of Sustainable Arlington, requested that the Selectmen endorse the Arlington Sustainability Action Plan and help sponsor a community event. The Selectmen thanked the Committee for the incredible amount of effort and work they have done in creating this document. After some discussion and questions it was decided that the Selectmen needed more time before endorsing, so it will be revisited/an agenda item at the June 19th meeting.

Mr. Hurd moved the following:

- 1) Mrs. Mahon and Ms. LaCourt would go over the document and come back to the Board with recommendations.
- 2) Ms. LaCourt, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Sullivan and the Sustainable Arlington Committee would coordinate and plan a community event.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. **Discussion: Report on Energy Conservation Projects**

John Sanchez, Director, Public Works

Mr. Sanchez reported the following summary of measures the Department of Public Works is undertaking to increase energy efficiency:

- vehicle idling reduction campaign
- fuel efficient vehicle purchasing guidelines
- lighting rebate program.

9. **Discussion: Arlington Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation**

John Sanchez, Director, Public Works

Mr. Mark Mitch, of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., reported that the Arlington Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation Project was a project solution that was interesting, innovative, and executed so well that it was awarded Public Work's Project of the Year for 2006 by the American Public Works Association. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Friday, June 9, 2006 at 9:00AM at the Arlington Reservoir. All of the Selectmen congratulated Mr. Sanchez and the D.P.W. for their fine and creative work, which saved trees.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

10. **Appointment: New Election Worker**

Ruth Daley, 126 Brattle St., Pct. 21, U

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. **Appointment: Redevelopment Board**

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Ms. LaCourt moved to table until the next meeting for a final decision.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. **Reappointment: Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Collector of Taxes**

Alfred B. Fantini

(term to expire 6/30/07)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Hurd made a motion to write a letter of appreciation for the exceptional work Mr. Fantini did during the transition.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

13. **Request: Common Victualler License**

Patrick Casey d/b/a That Rock N' Roll Pizza, 86 Mass. Ave.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

14. **Request: Use of Minuteman Bikeway, 6/24/06**

Page Lindsay, The Alewife Deanery

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon referred the coordination of Policing to Mr. Sullivan.

15. **Request: Use of Minuteman Bikeway, 8/26/06**

Nirav Shah, Child Relief and You

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon referred the coordination of Policing to Mr. Sullivan.

For website info: www.america.cry.org

16. **Request: Handicap Parking, 60 Magnolia St.**

Marguerite McWhinnie

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

17. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Sprague, resident of 150 Washington Street, read a hand out and requested the Selectmen to participate in an ACLU complaint against AT&T and Verizon.

The Selectmen agreed more time was needed to read and research the hand out plus to allow other citizens to express their opinions. It was decided this would be an agenda item for 6/19/06.

Mr. Gordon Jamieson, Precinct 12, requested these items:

- Fold the recycle program into Sustainable Arlington
- Change water assessment on WMRA based on real water/sewerage usage
- Change crosswalks to fluorescent crosswalks at the bike path on Mill Street and the Robbins Library exit

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

18. **Approval: Farmers' Market**

Oakes Plimpton

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

19. **Discussion: Reorganization of IT Department**

Annie LaCourt, Vice-Chair

John W. Hurd, Selectman

Ms. LaCourt explained that the current IT department is limited due to a lack of resources. The IT Department needs a director with a certain set of skills and a job description needs to be written. Mr. Hurd stated that where this department reports is still being researched.

Mr. Hurd made a motion for a sub-committee to include Ms. LaCourt, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Miksis, and one

additional member to recommend job title, responsibilities, and department placement and then report back to the Selectmen.

SO VOTED (5-0)

It was noted that if the IT Department was moved to report to the Town Manager than this would require a change in the Town Manager Act and the earliest that this could happen is next spring.

Ms. Mahon questioned if changes would impact current employees and both Mr. Hurd and Ms. LaCourt stated there has been no discussion on misplacement of the existing staff and that no one is to be displaced that only adding a new individual with skills was being looked into.

20. Discussion: Conference Committee Delegation

Kevin F. Greeley, Chairman

Mr. Greeley reported that the Budget & Revenue Task Force is taking initiative to reclaim monies from the State through letter writing and meetings with the State legislatives.

21. Discussion: Beer & Wine Package Store Standards

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

The Selectmen decided after much discussion that more time and research was needed before approving standards for the new Beer & Wine Package Store.

Mr. Maher is waiting for an ABCC response and would like all Selectmen comments to be forwarded to him as soon as possible. Items that were decided and items to be researched are:

- Final votes & approvals to be done at the 6/19/06 meeting
 - Mr. Maher will come back with information on fees for this license
 - Ms. Rowe will contact Mark Sachs for information
 - The Selectmen would like to have the application process ready for July 1st, 2006
 - Gather surrounding Towns/Cities applications for reference
 - Mr. Maher recommends that the Board votes the definition of "retail package store licenses" i.e. if they want it to be a free standing store
 - Need to research the process on how to decide who is picked for the three available licenses and/or if all will be given out at once or intermittently
 - Ms. Mahon suggested these items as criteria:
 - o On site parking
 - o Strict adherence to rules
 - o Store appearance
 - Votes re: Mr. Sullivan's Board of Selectmen's Liquor Regulations-Retail Package Store Licenses:
 - #2-stop the sentence after "(12) months"
 - #9, #15, #16-"sample tasting" wording to be worked on by Mr. Maher
 - #10-add CORI language as a requirement
 - #14- Mr. Maher suggested the Board limits the hours of operation
 - #17-Mrs. Mahon moved no deliveries. SO VOTED (3-2)
- Mr. Greeley and Ms. Rowe voted in favor of deliveries.

22. Discussion: 200th Anniversary Committee

Mr. Roland Chaput reported that the committee would be fundraising soon starting with a kick off meeting at the Sons of Italy on June 7, 2006 and a follow up dinner on October 6, 2006. Mr. Chaput made a community plea for volunteers, donations, and support. It will be an eighteen-month long celebration with different events planned throughout that time. Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report. SO VOTED (5-0)

23. Approval: FY '2006 Internal Budget Transfers

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Brian F. Sullivan Human Services Reorganization Be Rec'd
Town Manager

Joey Glushko Advertising on bikepath Be Rec'd
Planning &
Community Dev.

John F. Maher Chapter 159, Section 25 Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon, in reference to the Planning correspondence, moved to have ABAC and the Planning Department develop a policy and come back to the Board for approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon reported that the Symmes neighborhood group was very disappointed and not happy with the lack of notification regarding recent activity on the development of the Symmes property.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to provide the Town Hall renovation plans to Mrs. Krepelka.

Mrs. Mahon reported that the concession stand plans are considering building vs. pre-fab construction.

Ms. Rowe reported that at the Tri-community meeting the Environmental Protection did not pass the Winchester Aberjona proposal due to insufficient information on the water going downstream, which is a good decision for Arlington.

Ms. Rowe reported that she would work with Mr. Sullivan and E.A.Fish for improved communication to the Symmes neighborhood.

Ms. LaCourt reported that a member from the sports user group and the Chamber of Commerce will be added to the Youth Health & Safety Coalition.

Mr. Hurd recommended that the Board start another goal setting workshop process but limit the goal number to between 3-5 items. Mr. Greeley agreed but wants to set the meeting date then at the meeting set the number of goals, he'll set up some dates for the Board to decide upon.

Mr. Hurd reported the feast of the East was this past Sunday and was a success, he thanked everyone involved with the day.

Mr. Hurd stated that plans are under way for the 4th of July event at Robbins Farm, which N-Star is sponsoring.

Mr. Greeley stated that the Student Advisory Committee to the Selectmen would formally start with the opening of the Warrant and go through the end of Town Meeting. The students will attend the Selectmen Meetings through this time period.

Mr. Greeley reported that the Graffiti Task Force wants to send out letters through the students regarding the serious problem, high cost to erase, and the time involved in the clean up of Graffiti.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:59 PM. SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan